

CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2004/05 BUDGET

AGENCY 45 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

MISSION

As a quasi adjudicative tribunal, the Department of Administrative Hearings (DAH) will create a clean Detroit by streamling code enforcement and hearing all blight violations.

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Administrative Hearings (DAH) will replace the Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau (MOVB), establishing procedures for the administration and adjudication of blight violators. The Zoning, Solid Waste and Property Maintenance branches of the MOVB will dissolve and be replaced by divisions administered under the DAH. The DAH will assess civil fines and costs pursuant to the schedules of violations for the Blight Ordinances. Under the DAH, violation notices will contain hearing dates, so no separate citation will be generated, and hearings will yield Decisions and Orders with which a defendant must comply or appeal to 3rd Circuit Court of Michigan.

GOALS

1. Adjudicate unlimited numbers of blight code violations issued by authorized City agents.
2. Streamline adjudication of code violations by providing administrative hearings.
3. Enhance collectibility of fines and fees, through garnishments and liens utilizing the Department's Decision and Orders.
4. Adjudicate violations with sensitivity to their impact on the escalating problem of blight in Detroit.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	GENERAL FUND	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES	\$2,321,167	\$2,321,167
REVENUES	<u>579,190</u>	<u>579,190</u>
NET TAX COST	\$1,741,977	\$1,741,977
POSITIONS	6	6